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New Hampshire

1953

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OF THE

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OF THE

Town of Bradford

New Hampshire

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1953

AND THE

Vital Statistics For The Year 1953

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Town Officers

MODERATOR

Paul N. Gove

TOWN CLERK

Elizabeth A. Cilley

TOWN TREASURER

Lillian S. Frey

SELECTMEN

Dana C. Sanborn '54

Reuben S. Moore '55

Bernard M. Woods '56

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester Witham, *Chief*

S. Jay George

Maurice Youmans

Frank Brown

Howard Tilton

Arthur Valley

Varel Peaslee, *Dog Officer*

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Carroll Butman

Raymond Peaslee

Harry Hanson

BALLOT CLERKS

Mildred Gunscheon, *Rep.*

Leon Varnum, *Rep.*

Leon Perkins, *Dem.*

Vernon Hall, *Dem.*

TAX COLLECTOR

Carroll Butman

ROAD AGENT

Forrest D. Craigie

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nelson C. Spaulding, *Chief*

Carroll Butman, *Ass't. Chief*

Lester F. Hall, *Treas.*

Beachley Wolfe, *Clerk*

BOARD OF FIRE WARDS

Nelson C. Spaulding

Edwin Westerberg

Harlan G. Cummings

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John J. Reardon '54

Vivian Messer '55 Leonora Sanborn '56

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Katherine D. Smith '54

Maxine Hammond '55 Louise Wolfe '56

AUDITORS

Leon F. Perkins Beachley Wolfe

HEALTH OFFICER

Arthur F. Wright, M.D.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Nelson C. Spaulding

SURVEYER OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Walter A. Heselton

LIBRARIAN

Effie Craigie

JANITOR OF THE TOWN HALL

Harmon T. Douglas

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Board of Selectmen

BUDGET COMMITTEE

James W. Gunscheon '54 Ralph Messer '54
Robert Moore '54 Leon F. Perkins '55
Walter Heselton, Sr. '54 C. Albert Bischoff '56

MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Bernard M. Woods, *Selectman*

Sidney Rand '54 Mildred Gunscheon '54
Stanley M. Brown '55 Robert Moore '54
Leon Varnum '56 Robert Messer '56

BROWN - SHATTUCK MEMORIAL PARK BOARD

Clarence Frey '54 *Chairman*

Elsie Harris '54 Albert Gerken '55

Florence V. Nutter '55

School Officers

MODERATOR
Paul N. Gove

CLERK and TREASURER
Lillian S. Frey

SCHOOL BOARD

Carroll Butman '54

Robert A. Moore '55

Florence V. Nutter '56

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William C. Sterling

AUDITOR

Thomas R. Nolan

SCHOOL NURSE

Ruth Whitcomb, R. N.

Your Selectmen's Narrative Report

A **United** Bradford

We, the SELECTMEN of YOUR TOWN, are just what the name implies - three men "selected" by YOU, the citizens of Bradford, to represent you and to carry on the business necessary to the management of YOUR TOWN. By "selecting" us, you have placed your faith in our ability and integrity to manage YOUR TOWN. I think you will all agree that the salary offered for this position of trust is far from attractive, and to accept the position, one must have only the good of his town in view.

We have tried to carry out your wishes to the best of our ability, to take care of the everyday affairs, and to vision ahead for the building of a better Bradford. But, as the old saying goes, "a chain is no stronger than it's weakest link" and we are only as strong as the united citizens standing behind us. As your "selected men" we have tried very hard to keep expenses within the appropriations. You will find a few that have gone over, but some expenditures cannot be foreseen. We are only human, and as such we make mistakes. If you feel that we are wrong in our judgment, please come and talk it over with us, - not with your neighbor!

We have, during 1953, tried to carry out your wishes as indicated to us during the last Town Meeting. The town has built a short stretch of road from the Breezy Hill Road to the new mill. This new industry should bring employment into our town, and increase property values. We have oiled the surface of Sweet's Hill, put in a short stretch of road on the east side of Lake Massasecum, which should open up new building lots in in this area. Gulf Hill has been surfaced and is ready for tarring. The roads in general are in good condition. A new Ford truck was purchased and the old one traded in, giving us now two good trucks with no anticipated major expenditures for repairs in the near future. The final note on the School building has been retired this past year.

We still hope to have the guide signs posted wherever necessary, also several bridges badly in need of repair will have to be fixed. But since no major expenditure for this coming year is anticipated, we hope to see our budget figures lower, as well as our tax rate.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all town officers, and to all who have assisted us with their cooperation.

This is your Selectmen's narrative - - - read it slowly, and give it some consideration. Thank you.

Annual Report of Planning Board

The Bradford Planning Board held six meetings during the year subsequent to the 1953 Town Meeting. Four of those meetings were public meetings at three of which questions referred to the Planning Board by the 1953 Town Meeting were heard and discussed. The following constitutes recommendations of the Planning Board with respect to the three problems referred to it by the 1953 Town Meeting.

1. **Tarring of Breezy Hill Road.** After public hearing at which several taxpayers stated their positions and the technical assistance and advice of the Road Agent was given; the Board came to the conclusion that it is not feasible to tar this road until the road base is rebuilt; that rebuilding the road base properly for tarring is too costly an operation without having TRA monies available to pay part of that cost. The Town's TRA money presently is committed to completion of the East Washington road. Your Planning Board recommends that where Town road money and TRA money is used to rebuild roads, that the section of the roads rebuilt should be tarred in the same year in which graveled rather than permitting the roads to remain untarred after the expenditure for gravel has been made, since otherwise the gravel expenses are largely dissipated and the base has to be rebuilt a second time before tar is applied. Your Planning Board suggests that the appropriation for highways should contain an allowance for the tarring of Breezy Hill Road as far as the entrance to Kearsarge Reel Corporation plant should such tarring seem necessary after the 1954 mud season in the opinion of the Road Agent. It is further recommended that in each year's appropriation for roads, there be some overlay added for continuing work on Non-TRA sections so that eventually the roads in year-round use may all be permanently surfaced.

2. **Fire protection Water Holes.** The Planning Board held a public hearing to consider the situation existing at the water hole at the eastern end of Bradford Village, at which the property owner concerned and the Chief of the Fire Department were the principal witnesses. In connection with this fire hole, the Plan-

ning Board also investigated and considered the conditions existing at all of the seven water holes presently maintained by the Town.

Your Planning Board recommended immediately after that hearing that the Selectmen endeavor to get the State Highway to by-pass the water hole at the eastern end of the Village to avoid the problem of that hole filling with silt from the State Highway ditches. That improvement was accomplished as a result of the efforts of the Selectmen and the cooperation of the Highway Department. The Fire Chief represented that he would arrange to have the water pipe from the watering trough at the corner re-established to run into the water hole to keep a continuous flow of water running in. This pipe is from time to time plugged by children dropping stones into the opened end of the pipe at the watering trough. When this water line is re-opened, your Planning Board believes that this water hole will provide satisfactory fire protection and remain free from silt with ordinary maintenance.

Your Planning Board has recommended to the Selectmen and recommends to the Town Meeting that not less than Seven Hundred Dollars ($700.00) should be appropriated in 1954 for the cleaning in 1954 of all seven of the Town's water holes and the repair and improvement of fencing the same. Your Planning Board further recommends that at least One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) a year should be appropriated in each year thereafter to continue to maintain these water holes on the assumption that if one water hole is completely cleaned and repaired in each year, all will remain in satisfactory condition.

3. **Town Hall Rentals.** Your Planning Board held a public meeting with respect to this problem and heard the various complaints and discussions of interested people.

The present Town Hall rental policy is that no rental at all is required of organizations within the Town who desire to use the facilities without expectation of profit. Where organizations desire to use the Town Hall for profit (except Youth Organizations which seek profit for their own organizations), a charge of Five Dollars ($5.00) per evening is required in the summer time and a charge of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents ($7.50)

during the heating season. Your Planning Board does not recommend any change in that basic policy, even though it is apparent that the cost of maintaining the Town Hall is not recovered through these charges. Your Planning Board feels that the Town Hall is not maintained for profit but is an asset to the Town generally through being available for civic and entertainment purposes. It is the conclusion of your Board that the more the Town Hall is used, the more benefit the Town generally will receive from it, without regard to the cost of the Town Hall itself.

There is one item in connection with the Town Hall rental which the Planning Board suggests should be clarified by the Selectmen to whatever individuals or organizations desire to use the Town Hall, whether free of charge or for rent, and that is the matter of janitor services. The Town does not intend, and should not be expected to supply general janitor services in connection with rentals. The janitor services which are supplied should be understood to be limited to cleaning before and after use, opening and closing the Hall, and heating when heating is involved, and nothing more. Your Planning Board recommends that the Selectmen be instructed to advise all parties using the Town Hall that if they desire additional services from the janitor they should arrange to have the janitor either donate them free to the organization or render them for such compensation as appears reasonable. If this situation were understood, your Planning Board believes little complaint about the renting policy would remain.

A further activity of your Planning Board in 1953 was the preparation and mailing of 211 letters to the summer residents of the Town, reporting to them the essential fiscal information concerning Town affairs in the previous year. This was done with the approval and cooperation of the Selectmen and at a minor expense. The number and extent of favorable comments from the summer residents with respect to this report seems to indicate that it may be desirable practice to be continued in the future, since many of these people may not receive other or more adequate reports concerning Town affairs.

Several other matters of general interest were inform-

ally discussed and considered by the Planning Board at various times during the year. With respect to one of these, your Planning Board has made a specific recommendation to the Selectmen and would recommend the same to the Town Meeting; namely, the interior of the Town Hall upstairs is in serious need of renovation, and your Planning Board recommends strongly that monies be appropriated in 1954 to permit the refinishing of the floors and the ceilings and the painting of the walls. Your Planning Board also feels that the seats in the Town Hall should be repaired and refinished, if possible, within whatever appropriation the Town sees fit to make. In this connection the Town also should replace the chairs in the Selectmen's office and the chairs which are used for Town Officers in the upstair's sections of the Town Hall at elections and for Town Meeting purposes.

Your Planning Board also feels, particularly since the Selectmen have seen fit to have property in the Town revalued by outside sources, that the individual assessments of property within the Town should be printed regularly in Town Reports for the information of the taxpayers.

There are two other road problems which your Planning Board recognizes are possible major problems for the Town of Bradford within the immediate future and before 1960; namely, the relocations of the main highway from Warner to Newport, in which it is presently suggested that the entire main street of Bradford will be by-passed, and the proposed relocation of Route 114 from the Tappen Bridge area to the Warner line, south of Massassecum Lake. Where this latter highway relocation will be made is presently unknown, but your Planning Board suggests that the interest of the Town will best be served by the Town insisting that an adequate relocation be made that will not injure property values at Massassecum Lake, but that the relocation be made in such a manner as to open up additional property which could then be used for building additional summer residences in this area. With respect to the relocation of Route 103, your Planning Board is of the opinion that residents of the Town do not appreciate the serious effects that a relocation by-passing the main street might have upon the economy of the Town and its ability to continue as a Town if commercial establishments were unable to continue after State Highway traffic were diverted. These problems, it seems to your Planning

Board, deserve immediate attention, not only by the Planning Board, but by other responsible officers of the Town.

In conclusion, your Planning Board wishes at this time to express its appreciation for the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Road Agent, the Chief of the Fire Department, and other interested residents in the matters submitted to and considered by the Board during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY M. BROWN, Chairman
SYDNEY RAND
LEON VARNUM
BERNARD WOODS
ROBERT MESSER
ROBERT MOORE
MILDRED GUNSCHEON, Secretary

Memories of the Old Covered Bridge

IN WINTER

IN SUMMER

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now replaced by the

Memorial Mason Weare Tappan Bridge

Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford, N. H. *in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bradford on Tuesday, the ninth of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for same.

(The raising of money and other articles in the Warrant to be taken up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.)

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $676.52 for Town Road Aid. The State will furnish the sum of $4,510.16.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $35.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Pine Blister Rust. (*Required by Law.*)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for Hospitals; Concord Hospital to receive the sum of $150.00 and New London Hospital to get $200.00.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the American Red Cross. (*Permitted by Law*)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to oil the road on Breezy Hill. (*R.F.D. route*)

10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of 1946 creating the Brown-Shattuck Memorial Park Recreation Commission and place the Park under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 each year to set up a reserve fund to pay for Forest Fires in case of emergencies.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for care of Dump. (Caretaker, etc.)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed $7, 000.00 to build three permanent bridges (Bradford Center Bridge, West Bridge, and Moon Bridge, all on R. F. D. and school bus routes). The cost to be amortized over a seven-year period.

14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road as laid out and improved on the East side of Massasecum Lake.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 to clean out waterholes and repair fences around same. (Heath, Marshall, Frey, Seavey, Gage, Center, and Stevens waterholes.)

16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $100.00 from the Addie A. Cheney Estate, Bradford, New Hampshire, for the perpetual care of a grave in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

17. To see if the Town will vote to set the salary of the Trustee of Trust Funds Bookkeeper at $50.00 and raise and appropriate the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot, rescinding the vote of the Town in 1932 adopting the Australian Ballot for Town meetings. (*Chapter* 22, *Session* 1943)

19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to print the complete tax inventories (*as required under Chapter* 77, *section* 5) Said complete copies of records prepared by them shall be printed at same time tax warrant is given to Tax Collector in 1954 and every three years thereafter, raising and appropriating $175.00 for same.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to complete the reappraising of the taxable property with the assistance of the State Tax Commission, and take any further action in regard to reappraising the taxable property the Town may see fit. (*Action on this article to be taken by secret ballot.*)

21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to the employees of the Town the benefits of title 2 of the Federal Social Security Act (*Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance*) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

22. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Town Selectmen as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

23. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

25. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Dana C. Sanborn
Reuben S. Moore
Bernard M. Woods
Selectmen of Bradford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Dana C. Sanborn
Reuben S. Moore
Bernard M. Woods
Selectmen of Bradford

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS WERE USED

Schools	$22180.16	35.8%
Roads	$17011.31	27.4%
County Tax	$4222.42	6.8%
Welfare	$3326.35	5.4%
Officer's Salaries	$2027.88	3.27%
Long Term Notes	$2000.00	3.2%
Street Lighting	$1671.96	2.7%
Fire	$1245.81	2.0%
Officer's Expenses	$1133.62	1.8%
Insurance	$1018.14	1.6%
Library	$900.00	1.4%
Kearsarge Reel Co. Road	$793.28	1.2%
Town Hall	$710.16	1.1%
Interest	$548.69	0.88%
Dump	$500.00	0.8%
Cemeteries	$490.80	0.7%
Blister Rust Control	$399.40	0.6%
Health	$350.00	0.5%
Election Expenses	$166.50	0.2%
Police	$107.10	0.1%
Memorial Day	$56.70	0.09%

BUDGET

Source of Revenue	Est. Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Est. Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
Interest and Dividend Tax	$4,000.00	$3,651.49	$ 3,500.00
Railroad Tax	75.00	91.32	75.00
Savings Bank Tax	200.00	236.68	200.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest land		5.00	5.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption Growing Wood and Timber	2,000.00	1,350.76	1,500.00
For fighting Forest Fires		148.19	
Dog Licenses	200.00	219.90	200.00
Business Licenses and Permits		11.50	
Rent of Town Hall	50.00	120.00	100.00
Interest Received on Taxes	200.00	205.50	200.00
Rental of Equipment		112.70	
Motor Vehicle Permits Fee	1,750.00	2,073.04	2,000.00
Sale of Town Property		367.49	
Poll Taxes	500.00	530.00	500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	12.00	12.00
Total Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes	$8,985.00	$9,135.57	$ 8,292.00

Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	$33,879.87
	$42,171.87

Dana C. Sanborn
Carroll Butman
J. W. Gunscheon
W. A. Heselton
Ralph C. Messer
Robert A. Moore
C. A. Bischoff
Leon F. Perkins

BUDGET COMMITTEE

BUDGET

Purpose of Expenditure	Approp. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expends. Previous 1953	Appros. Recom. by Budget Com. 1954
Town Officers' Salaries	2,000.00	$ 2,027.88	$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	$ 1.400.00	1,383.62	1.400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00	166.50	450.00
Expenses Town Hall	800.00	841.00	800.00
Police Department	150.00	107.10	150.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,245.81	1,200.00
Pine Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,052.27	1,000.00
Health Department	400.00	350.00	400.00
Vital Statistics	50.00	15.50	25.00
Care of Town Dump	500.00	500.00	600.00
Oiling Breezy Hill			500.00
Town Maintenance Highways:			
(Summer)	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
(Winter)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Street Lighting	1,650.00	1,671.96	1,750.00
General Expenses Highway Depart.	3,500.00	3,529.00	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	761.31	761.31	676.52
Repairs Road Lake Massassecum	750.00	750.00	
Libraries	900.00	900.00	925.00
Town Poor	1,000.00	1,111.83	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	1,780.33	1,500.00
Memorial Day	35.00	56.70	35.00
Soldiers Aid		435.19	
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	10.10	100.00
Cemeteries	700.00	490.80	700.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00	288.34	300.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	240.00	260.35	260.35
Repairs on Bridges	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rebuilding three Bridges			7,000.00
New Truck	7,000.00		
Long Term Notes	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Oiling Town Roads	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
	$40,186.31	$34,135.59	$42,171.87

Selectmen's Report

Land and Buildings	$ 927,049.00
Electric Plants	59,517.00
Horses (13)	925.00
Oxen and Neatstock (44)	3,050.00
Cows (115)	13,425.00
Sheep and Goats (3)	50.00
Fowls (2,284)	2,284.00
Portable Mills (3)	2,400.00
Wood and Lumber	20,071.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,850.00
Stock in Trade	47,634.00
Mills and Machinery (2)	5,700.00
Total Valuation	$1,083,955.00
Soldier's Exemptions	38,440.00
Valuation for Taxation	$1,045,515.00

Tax Rate - $5.04 per hundred

Comparative statement of Appropriation and Expenditures - 1953

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	unexpended Balance	*Overdraf*
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	$ 2,027.88		$ 27.88
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400.00	102.46	1,502.46	1,383.62	118.84	
Election and Registration	150.00		150.00	166.50		16.50
Town Hall	800.00	130.84	930.84	841.00	89.84	
Police Department	150.00		150.00	107.10	42.90	
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,128.54	2,128.54	2,374.35		245.81
Blister Rust Control	400.00	.60	400.60	400.00	.60	
Insurance	1,000.00	34.13	1,034.13	1,052.27		18.14
Health Department	400.00		400.00	350.00	50.00	
Vital Statistics	50.00		50.00	15.50	34.50	
Summer Roads	4,500.00	172.10	4,672.10	4,672.10		
Winter Roads	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Oiling	1,500.00	181.44	1,681.44	1,640.98	40.46	
Street Lighting	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,671.96		21.96
General Highway Department	3,500.00	29.00	3,529.00	3,529.00		
Town Road Aid	761.31		761.31	761.31		
Libraries	900.00		900.00	900.00		
Town Poor	1,000.00	1.00	1,001.00	1,111.83		110.83
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,780.33		280.33
Memorial Day	35.00		35.00	56.70		21.70
Cemeteries	700.00	457.26	1,157.26	948.06	209.20	
Interest-Long & Short Term Notes	440.00		440.00	548.69		108.69
Payments on Long Term Notes	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Bridges	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Care of Town Dump	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Repairs on Lake Massasecum Road	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00		100.00	10.10	89.90	
New Truck (Highway Department)	7,000.00		7,000.00	5,356.75	1,643.25	
Totals	$40,136.31	$2,237.37	$42,423.68	$40,956.03	$2,319.49	$ 851.84
					851.84	
Balance over Appropriations					$1,467.65	

Report of the Town Clerk

January 1 to December 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

Town Tax for motor vehicle registration		
9 permits 1952	$ 10.71	
367 permits 1953	2,094.69	
Total	2,105.40	
4 permit refunds	32.36	
Total		$2,073.04
Dog licenses issued		
1 female 1952 pro rata	1.70	
13 females 1953	65.00	
85 males 1953	170.00	
6 penalties at .50	3.00	
Total	239.70	
99 clerk's fees at .20	19.80	
Total		219.90
Grand Total		$2,292.94

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Permits for registration	$2,073.04	
Dog Taxes	219.90	
		$2,292.94

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Cilley
Town Clerk

Report of Town Treasurer

Balance on Hand December 31, 1952		$6,497.45
Carroll Butman, *Tax Collector*:		
1953 Property Tax	$44,670.53	
1953 Poll Tax	434.00	
1953 Head Tax	1,315.00	
1953 Head Tax Penalties	4.50	
1953 Yield Tax	1,315.07	
1953 Interest	1.52	
1953 National Bank Stock	12.00	
1952 Property Tax	6,496.08	
1952 Poll Tax	98.00	
1952 Head Tax	295.00	
1952 Head Tax Penalties	29.50	
1952 Yield Tax	259.15	
1952 Interest	203.98	
1952 National Bank Stock	2.00	
		55,136.33
Redeemed Taxes 1952:		
C. J. Vickland, Jr.	140.23	
H. T. Douglass	32.93	
Woodsville Logging - partial payment	14.28	
A. W. Watkins - partial payment	4.71	
Arthur Ansart paid by A. Wilder	40.48	
Interest and Costs	.98	233.61
Redeemed Taxes 1951		
L. P. Emerson	73.99	
Delbert C. Nutter	108.25	
Interest and Costs	11.68	193.92
Redeemed Taxes 1950		
A. W. Watkins	54.66	
Interest and Costs	10.38	65.04
Elizabeth A. Cilley, *Town Clerk*		
99 dogs	219.90	
376 auto permits	2,073.04	2,292.94

Cemetery Plots:		
A22 William and Ruth Hamilton		25.00
Yield Tax on Deposit:		
C. J. Vickland,Jr.	450.00	
The Eastern Lumber Co.	375.00	825.00
Forrest Craigie, *Road Agent*:		
Lillian Cofrin, oiling driveway	14.65	
A. F. Wright,M.D., oiling driveway	14.65	
Emma C. Johnson, oiling driveway	28.95	
Bill West, Jr. oiling driveway	63.25	
Thomas R. Nolan, oiling driveway	19.48	
Hans Thieman, blasting ditch	25.00	165.98
Harmon T. Douglass, Rent from Town Hall:		
Bradford Women's Club-club room	25.00	
Bradford Women's Club Fair:		
3 nights	15.00	
Movies	80.00	120.00
Sale of Town Property:		
Leon Sargent 3 acre lot Rowe Hill	100.00	
Walter A. Heselton Jr., Ray Sargent Camp and Lot	25.00	
Wilmer Elliott, Fred Sargent Est.	5.00	
Delbert Harris Jr., Clarence Hill	60.00	
Delbert Harris Jr., J.V.Hoyt Lot	10.00	
Richard Wright, Matthew Melvin	10.00	
Leon Sargent, Severence Lot	10.00	
Gordon Anderson, A. C. Warner	5.00	
Gordon Anderson, Dockman Lot	12.00	
Gordon Anderson, Hackwell Stevens	5.00	
Gordon Anderson, Patch Lot	10.00	
George Mowatt, Frank Craig meadows	10.00	
Julia H. Grace, Jennie Silver Lot	44.65	
Leon Varnum, Flag	10.84	
Dana Sanborn, Pump-Fire Dept.	50.00	367.49

State of New Hampshire:		
Reimbursement - loss of taxes on Public Forest Land	5.00	
Bounty on Porcupine	20.00	
Gravel Washout Melvin Mills	59.40	
Fred West, Recovery	102.85	
Refund, overpayment Head Tax	19.60	
Caroline Peaslee, Recovery	.19	
Charles Bradford, Recovery	85.47	
Warden Services	10.50	
Interest and Dividends	3,651.49	
Use of Grader	112.70	
Forest Fire Training 5/23/53	9.42	
Refund Pine Blister Rust	.60	
Reimbursement Severance Tax	1,350.76	
Savings Bank Tax	236.68	
Railroad Tax	91.32	
Reimbursement Forest Fires	128.27	5,884.25
Temporary Loans		
Citizens National Bank, Newport, N.H.		28,000.00
Long Term Notes		
Series of Six notes, Highway Dept. Ford truck Citizens National Bank, Newport, N. H. Five $1,000.00 due June 22, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957 1958, and one $356.75 due June 22, 1959		5,356.75
Selectmen:		
American Oil Co., refund on oil barrel	4.00	
Three Pistol Permits	1.50	
C. J. Vickland Jr., oiling driveway '52	40.46	
Bradford Women's Club Fair: Beano Permit	10.00	
Refund on check declared insufficient funds	50.00	
Town of Grantham Forest Fire	930.35	
Elizabeth A. Cilley: Reimbursement Insurance	34.13	
L. R. Rowe, Red Cross	1.00	

Trustees Trust Funds:		
Cleaning French's Park	20.60	
Work done in cemetery-Trow fund	105.66	
Stop Payment Check dated 7/5/52	52.46	
Trustees Trust Funds: reimbursement for work done on Perpetual Care Lots	306.00	1,556.16
Total Receipts		$106,719.92
Less by payments on Selectmen's orders		99,966.44
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953		$ 6,753.48

Lillian S. Frey, *Town Treasurer*

Report of the Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$52,693.98	
Poll Taxes	566.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	12.00	
Newbury School Taxes	114.65	
Total Warrant		$53,386.63
Yield Taxes		2,169.43
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		21.17
Poll Taxes		10.00
Interest Collected		1.52
Total Debits		$55,588.75

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$44,670.53	
Poll Taxes	434.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	12.00	
Yield Taxes	1,315.07	
Interest Collected	1.52	
Abatements	211.22	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	7,978.33	
Poll Taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes	836.08	
Total Credits		$55,588.75

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953:		
Property Taxes	$6,576.83	
Poll Taxes	148.00	
Yield Taxes	259.15	
Bank Taxes	2.00	
Interest Collected	203.98	
Overpaid Treasurer	10.00	
Total Debits		$7,199.96

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year ending December 31, 1953:		
Property Taxes	$6,496.08	
Poll Taxes	98.00	
Interest Collected	203.98	
Yield Taxes	259.15	
Bank Tax	2.00	
Abatements during year	76.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Poll Taxes	26.00	
Property Taxes	38.75	
Total Credits		$7,199.96

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1953

DR.

State Head Taxes committed to Collector:		
Original warrant	$1,625.00	
Added Taxes	35.00	
Penalties collected	4.50	
Total Debits		1,664.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$1,315.00	
Penalties	4.50	
		$1,319.50
Uncollected as per Collector's list		345.00
Total Credits		$1,664.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Taxes

LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953	$475.00	
Penalties collected	29.50	
Total Debits		$504.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1953:		
Head Taxes	$295.00	
Penalties	29.50	
Abatements	115.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes	65.00	
Total Credits		$504.50

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALE

ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1952	1951	1950	Previous
Alberton Bagley Heirs	$ 10.03	$ 9.70	$ 8.68	
Ernest Durgin	11.61	11.20	10.04	$14.71
Annie C. George Heirs	14.23	13.69		
John Wagner Heirs		13.72		
Oliva LaPlante	16.86			
Ernest Russell	5.04	4.98		
Woodsville Logging Co.	1.55			
Silas Colby Estate	8.98			
Lizzie Leach Estate	6.36			
Elmore Rollins	6.36			
H. T. Douglas	2.55			
Almon Dowlin	22.11			
John Ward	132.32			
A. W. Watkins	73.57			
TOTALS	$311.57	$53.29	$18.72	$14.71

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

DR.

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:			
	1952	**1951**	**1950**	**Prev.Yrs**
Taxes sold to Town during current year	$ 544.20			
Balance of unredeemed taxes January 1, 1953		$ 249.22	$ 85.69	$ 27.11
Interest collected after sale	.98	11.68	10.38	
Total Debits	$ 545.18	$ 260.90	$ 96.07	$ 27.11

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer	$ 233.61	$ 193.92	$ 65.04	
Unredeemed taxes December 31, 1953	311.57	53.29	18.72	14.71
Deeded to Town during year 1953		13.69	12.31	12.40
Total Credits	$545.18	$ 260.90	$ 96.07	$ 27.11

Respectfully Submitted,
CARROLL BUTMAN
Tax Collector

People Play a Vital Part in Our Forest Fire Problem

A review of the 1953 fire season proves the vital part people play in the never ending battle to prevent forest fires.

In this fire district there were 133 fires in 26 of the district's 30 towns; 409 acres were burned over and it cost $9,499.97 to extinguish them. This figure was reduced somewhat through payment of fire costs by persons responsible for illegal fires, fires which escaped from control and fires caused by their carelessness. Costs were abnormally high this year due to protracted periods of dry weather which increased the difficulty of extinguishing fires.

Eighty-eight percent of the 133 fires were man-caused and could have been prevented. They tell a story which needs to be carefully studied. Some people were careless in disposing of smoking material and camp fires; others burned without the required warden permit - disregarding weather, forest conditions and the normal safeguards recognized and considered by the warden in issuing permits. Other fires resulted from children playing with matches, carelessly handled fireworks, faulty railroad and truck equipment, etc.

These fires cost a lot to extinguish, most of which could have been avoided - this effects taxes; local business was interrupted by men leaving their jobs to extinguish the fires: trees that might otherwise have built houses, repaired bridges and supplied raw materials for local industries were destroyed; seedling growth - the future timber crop was wiped out.

This picture can, however, be reversed if people who offend could be impressed with the importance of observing the simple but essential common sense safeguards that will prevent forest fires. They are:

1. Care in disposing of lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches in and near woodlands.
2. Care in selecting camp fire sites and completely extinguishing them.
3. Consultation with the local forest fire warden before burning to secure the required permit.

People play a vital part in our forest fire problem.

It is **Everyone's** job to **Help Prevent Forest Fires !**

1953 Local Fire Record:

Numer of Fires	3
Acreage Burned	4
Fire Permits Issued	27

Thomas J. King
District Fire Chief
Nelson C. Spaulding
Forest Fire Warden

Financial Report

of the

TOWN OF BRADFORD

IN

MERRIMACK COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dana C. Sanborn
Reuben S. Moore } *Selectmen*
Bernard M. Woods

Lillian S. Frey, *Treasurer*

January 26, 1954

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

CASH:		
In hands of Treasurer	$ 6,753.48	
In hands of officials:		
Library Trustees	249.32	
Road Agent	225.15	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(a) Joint Highway Construction Accounts, Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	367.16	
(b) Bounties	176.75	
(c) Bradford forest fires	192.96	
Other Bills due Town:		
(a) Oiling driveway	41.28	
(b) Rent of Town Hall	25.00	
(c) Cemetery lot at Sunny Plains	25.00	
(d) R. C. Heselton Co.	75.00	
Unredeemed Taxes: (*from tax sale on account of*)		
(a) Levy of 1953	311.57	
(b) Levy of 1952	53.29	
(c) Levy of 1951	18.72	
(d) Previous Years	14.71	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1953	8,944.41	
(b) Levy of 1952	64.75	
(c) State Head Taxes-Levy of 1953	345.00	
(b) State Head Taxes-Previous Years	65.00	
Total Assets		$17,948.55
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		8,130.70
Grand Total		$26,079.25

Net Debt, December 31, 1952	$ 5,485.10
Net Debt, December 31, 1953	8,130.70
Increase of Debt	2,645.60
(Created for purchase of new Highway Truck)	

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes - 1953	
(Uncollected $345.00)	
(Collected - not remitted to State Treas. $437.50)	$782.50
Due to School Districts: Bal. of appropriation	13,940.00
Long Term Notes outstanding:	
3 $1,000.00 Notes due Dec., 1954 to 1956 On Grader	3,000.00
3 $1,000.00 Notes due Nov., 1954 to 1956 On Fire Truck and Engine	3,000.00
5 $1,000.00 Notes due June, 1954 to 1958 & 1 Note $356.75 due June, 1959 on Highway truck	5,356.75
Total Liabilities	$26,079.25

Receipts

From Local Taxes:(*Collected and remitted to Treasurer*)

1.	Property Taxes, Current Year - 1953-	$44,670.53
2.	Poll Taxes, Current Year - Regular at $2 - 1953 -	434.00
3.	National Bank Stock Taxes -1953-$12.00	
	1952 - $2.00	14.00
4.	Yield Taxes - 1953 -	1,315.07
5.	State Head Taxes at $5.00 -1953-	1,315.00
6.	Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	47,748.60
7.	Property and Yield Taxes - Previous Years	6,755.23
8.	Poll Taxes - Previous Years - Regular at $2.00	98.00
9.	State Head Taxes at $5.00 - Previous Years	295.00
10.	Interest received on Taxes	205.50
11.	Penalties on State Head Taxes	34.00
12.	Tax sales redeemed $469.53 & Interest $23.04	492.57

From State:

Refund - over-payment Head Tax	19.60
Misc. Highway Department	172.10
Interest and dividend tax	3,651.49
Railroad Tax	91.32
Savings Bank Tax & Building & Loan Asso.Tax	236.68
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	5.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,350.76
Fighting forest fires	148.19
Bounties	20.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance Recovery	188.51
Refund - Pine Blister Rust	.60
	$ 5,884.25

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	219.90
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	11.50
Rent of Town Property	120.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	2,073.04
	2,424.44

Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	28,000.00
Long term notes during year	5,356.75
Insurance adjustments	34.13
Refunds	4.00
Sale of Town property	367.49
Sale of cemetery lot	25.00
Yield tax on deposit	825.00
Oiling driveways and blasting ditch	206.44
Refund check - Insufficient Funds	50.00
Town of Grantham, forest fire	930.35
L. R. Rowe, Red Cross donation	1.00
Trustees Trust Funds, French's Park	20.60
Trustees Trust Funds, perpetual care lots	306.00
Trustees Trust Funds, Trow Fund	105.66
Stop payment check dated 7/5/52	52.46
	$36,284.88
Total Receipts from all Sources	100,222.47
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	$ 6,497.45
Grand Total	$106,719.92

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	$ 2,027.88
Town officers' expenses	1,383.62
Election and registration expenses	166.50
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	841.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	107.10
Fire department, including forest fires	2,374.35
Moth extermination - Blister Rust and care of trees	400.00
Bounties	176.75
Insurance	1,052.27
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals	350.00
Vital Statistics	15.50
Town dumps and garbage removal	500.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Oiling	1,640.98
Town Road Aid	761.31
Town Maintenance: (Summer - $4,672.10) (Winter - $5,000.00)	9,672.10
Street lighting	1,671.96
General Expenses of Highway Department	3,529.00
Bridges	1,000.00
Libraries:	900.00
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	1,780.33
Town poor	1,111.83
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	56.70
Aid to soldiers and their families	435.19
Recreation: Parks and Playgrounds	10.10

Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	923.06
Unclassified:	
Yield tax from deposits	575.00
Taxes bought by Town	543.20
Harry Sargent Lot	100.00
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$34,105.73
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	288.34
Paid on long term notes	260.35
Total Interest Payments	$ 548.69
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Kearsarge Reel Company road	793.28
Massasecum Road	750.00
New Equipment - Highway	5,356.75
Total Outlay Payments	$ 6,900.03
Indebedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	28,000.00
Payments on long term notes	2,000.00
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds-Cemetery lot-	25.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	$30,025.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid State Treasurer: (1953 Taxes $877.50) (Prior Yrs. $1,106.91)	1,984.41
Taxes paid to County	4,222.42
Payments to School Districts: (1952 Tax $11,024.65) (1953 Tax $11,155.51)	22,180.16
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	$28,386.99
Total Payments for all Purposes	$99,966.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	6,753.48
Grand Total	$106,719.92

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00
Materials and Supplies	800.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	30,000.00
Equipment	8,000.00
Robinson Lot and Dump	500.00
TOTAL	$147,850.00

Detailed Statement of Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation $2,000.00

PAID:		
Dana Sanborn, selectman	$429.00	
Reuben Moore, selectman	453.00	
Bernard Woods, selectman	303.00	
Leon Perkins, auditor	26.00	
Lillian Frey, treasurer	150.00	
Carroll Butman, tax collector:		
1% Comm. and Coll. Head Taxes	566.88	
Leonora Sanborn, trustee trust funds	25.00	
Elizabeth A. Cilley, town clerk	75.00	$2,027.88
Overdraft		27.88

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSE

Appropriation $1,400.00		
Stop Payment check dated July 5, 1952	$52.46	
Reimbursement on check for insufficient funds	50.00	$1,502.46

PAID:		
Elizabeth Cilley, 376 Permits at .50	$188.00	
Elizabeth Cilley, town clerk's meeting expense	17.85	
Dana Sanborn, use of car	41.00	
Dana Sanborn, expense	11.25	
George Simpson, postage	49.50	
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	143.30	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	60.11	
Mildred Gunscheon, clerical work	157.16	
Reuben Moore, expense	11.50	

Reuben Moore, burying dog	2.00	
Katherine Crowley, conveyances & deeds	27.62	
D. G. Cressy Co., supplies	2.39	
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	24.95	
Bernard Woods, use of car	4.00	
N. H. Assessors, dues	3.00	
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, town clerk	7.00	
P. N. Prentice Co., repairs on typewriter	3.30	
Lora Cressy, trust fund expense	1.13	
Kimball Inc., supplies	3.09	
Mayflower Press, town reports	450.00	
Mayflower Press, trust fund book	10.00	
Mayflower Press, supplies	5.50	
Kearsarge Independent, notice	3.75	
Register of Probate, list estates	.50	
Beachley Wolfe, use of Jeep	6.00	
The Flower Shop, flowers for C. D. Stevens	10.00	
Ida M. Horner, dues	3.00	
Check insufficient funds	50.00	
Leon Perkins, drawing deeds and postage	13.68	
Varel Peaslee expense dog tax	4.00	
Carroll Butman, overpaid for 1952	11.00	
Leonora Sanborn, trustees' expense	4.43	
Lillian Frey, treasurer's expense	20.41	
Citizens National Bank serv. Chg.	33.20	$1,383.62
Balance		$118.84

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation $150.00

PAID:

Women's Christian Guild, town meeting meals	$36.00

Mildred Gunscheon, ballot clerk	5.00	
Vernon Hall, ballot clerk	5.00	
Leon Varnum, ballot clerk	5.00	
Leon Perkins, ballot clerk	5.00	
Paul Gove, moderator	12.00	
Carroll Butman, supervisor check list	17.00	
Harry Hanson, supervisor check list	14.00	
Raymond Peaslee, supervisor check list	4.00	
Dana Sanborn, town meeting	10.00	
Reuben Moore, town meeting	10.00	
Bernard Woods, town meeting	10.00	
Maxwell Press, ballots	33.50	$166.50
Overdraft		16.50

Town Hall Expenses

Appropriation $800.00		
Rent	$120.00	
Leon Varnum, sale of flag	10.84	$930.84
PAID:		
H. T. Douglass, janitor	458.50	
D. G. Cressy, supplies	2.05	
D. G. Cressy Co., bulbs for town clock	2.16	
C. A. Danforth & Co., fuel	86.31	
C. A. Danforth & Co., supplies	3.48	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	106.02	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.:		
supplies	4.98	
Neil Peaslee, labor	3.50	
Clarence Wheeler, 3 cords wood	60.00	
Mrs. Carl Ingalls:		
cleaning townhall	6.00	
Warner Fuel Co., 4 tons coal	108.00	$841.00
Balance		$89.84

Police Department

Appropriation $150.00

PAID:

Dana Sanborn, police assistance	$ 4.00	
Varel Peaslee, uniform pants	13.00	
Lester Witham, Hall case	10.00	
Lester Witham:		
police duty and supplies	46.10	
Lester Witham, 4 prs. hand cuffs	34.00	$107.10
Balance		$42.90

Fire Department

Appropriation $1,000.00

Town of Grantham, forest fire	$ 930.35	
Dana Sanborn, sale of pump	50.00	
State of N.H., reimbursement forest fires	128.27	
State of N.H.,forest fire training	9.42	
State of N.H., warden service	10.50	
		$2,128.54

PAID:

Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.: supplies	$ 7.20
C. A. Danforth & Co.,fuel & supplies	134.98
Bradford Garage, repairs ,parts & gas	79.48
Public Service Co. of N.H.	105.69
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	.78
Nelson Spaulding, inspection, warden training, and tools	26.00
Forestry & Recreation Assoc., 4 axes	2.36
A. Lee Cowles, pump	370.75
A. Lee Cowles, hose & couplings	20.91
Carroll Butman, warden training and use of car	5.80
Walter Heselton, warden training	4.00
D. C. Nutter, warden training	4.00

L. E. Sargent, labor on waterholes	9.00	
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., supplies	29.85	
Grantham fire expense	930.35	
Bradford forest fires	643.20	$2,374.35
Overdraft		$ 245 81

(There is a reimbursement of $192.96 due from the State of New Hampshire for the Bradford forest fires.)

Blister Rust Control

Appropriation $400.00

State of New Hampshire, refund	$ .60	
		$ 400.60

PAID:

William Messeck, State Forester	400.00	$ 400.00
Balance		$ .60

Bounties

Dana Sanborn	$ 68.00	
Reuben Moore	97.75	
Bernard Woods	11.00	
Due from State		$ 176.75

Health Department

Appropriation $400.00

PAID:

Concord Hospital, town donation	$150.00	
New London Hospital, town donation	200.00	$350.00
Balance		$ 50.00

Winter Roads

Appropriation $5,000.00

PAID:		
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$5,000.00	$5,000.00

Summer Roads

Appropriation $4,500.00

State of N. H., gravel for washout at Melvins Mills	59.40	
State of N. H., use of grader	112.70	
		$4,672.10

PAID:		
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$4,500.00	
Forrest D. Craigie, reimbursement	172.10	$4,672.10

Oiling

Appropriation $1,500.00

Oiling driveway in 1952:		
C. J. Vickland, Jr.	$ 40.46	
Oiling driveways in 1953:		
Lillian Cofrin	14.65	
Arthur F. Wright, M. D.	14.65	
Emma Johanson	28.95	
Bill West, Jr.	63.25	
Thomas R. Nolan	19.48	
		$1,681.44

PAID:	
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$1,500.00

Forrest D. Craigie, reimbursement for oiling driveways in 1953	140.98	$1,640.98
Balance		$ 40.46

Bridges

Appropriation $1,000.00

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Town Dump

Appropriation $500.00

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$500.00	$500.00

Massasecum Road

Appropriation $750.00

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$750.00	$750.00

General Highway Expense

Appropriation $3,500.00

American Oil Co., refund on barrel	$4.00	
Hans Thieman, blasting ditch	25.00	
		$3,529.00

PAID:

Forrest D. Craigie, road agent	$3,500.00	
Forrest D. Craigie, reimbursement	29.00	$3,529.00

State of New Hampshire

Appropriation $761.31

PAID:

Town Road Aid	$ 761.31	$ 761.31

(Detail road report on page 54)

Street Lighting

Appropriation $1,650.00

PAID:

Public Service Co. of N.H.	$1,671.96	$1,671.96
Overdraft		$21.96

Libraries

Appropriation $900.00

PAID:

Katherine D. Smith, trustee	$ 900.00	$ 900.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation $1,500.00

PAID:

State of New Hampshire	$1,772.33	
Lester Hall, trans. Joe Fournier	8.00	$1,780.33
Overdraft		$ 280.33

Town Poor

Appropriation $1,000.00

L. R. Rowe, Red Cross return	$ 1.00	
		$1,001.00

PAID:

Clark D. Stevens, overseer	$ 40.00	
Wm. P. Clough Jr., M. D., care of George Shattuck	12.50	
Wm. P. Clough Jr., M. D., care of Peter Newell	10.00	
New London Hospital, care of George Shattuck	38.00	
New London Hospital, care of Peter Newell	515.00	
A. F. Wright, M. D., medicine for George Rowell	1.88	
A. A. Wasson, M. D., care G. Shattuck	24.00	
A. A. Wasson, M. D., care Clara Bero	67.00	
A. A. Wasson, M. D., care Peter Newell	58.00	
Carr's Store, groceries, Whitehouse	5.95	
Bernard Woods, trans. Joe Fournier	10.00	
Concord Hospital, care George Rowell	121.50	
American Red Cross, donation	50.00	
McLean Gill, M. D., care George Rowell	108.00	
Marjorie Whitehouse, trans. Millie Read to Lynn, Mass.	10.00	
H. L. Holmes & Son, ambulance for George Rowell	10.00	
Leonard Wheeler, cleaning well for Harry Fuller	20.00	
Fred Pressey, ambulance, Peter Newell	10.00	$1,111.83
Overdraft		$ 110.83

Soldiers' Aid

Carr's Store	$ 254.94	

Anne A. Wasson, M.D.	94.75	
New London Hospital	75.50	
Dr. Alfred Sears	10.00	
		$ 435.19

Memorial Day

Appropriation $35.00

PAID:

Wilkins, Cloues, Bigelow Post, markers in 1952	$ 31.50	
Wilkins, Cloues, Bigelow Post, markers in 1953	25.20	$ 56.70
Overdraft		$ 21.70

Cemeteries

Appropriation $700.00

Wm. and Ruth Hamilton, lot at Sunny Plains	$ 25.00	
Trustees Trust Funds, Reimbursement Perpetual Care	306.00	
Trustees Trust Funds, clearing French's Park	20.60	
Trustees Trust Funds work in cemeteries	105.66	$1,157.26

PAID:

Wallace Woodward:	
care of cemeteries	$480.26
use of truck	1.50
supplies	20.02
Robert Bagley, care of cemeteries	288.80
Elwin Bagley, care of cemeteries	88.00
Carl Ingalls, care of cemeteries	33.70
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc., parts and labor on pump	10.78

Leonora Sanborn, cemetery lot sold to Wm. and Ruth Hamilton	25.00	$948.06
Balance		$209.20

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation $100.00

PAID:

H. T. Douglas, raking grass	$ 2.50	
Thomas Pitts, cutting grass	6.00	
Robert Bagley, cutting grass	1.60	$ 10.10
Balance		$ 89.90

Insurance

Appropriation $1,000.00

Elizabeth A. Cilley, reimbursement	$34.13	$1,034.13

PAID:

Roy A. Messer:		
Cape Nancy	$ 14.18	
Town Buildings	183.63	
Fire Truck No. 1	9.00	
Grader	33.28	
1953 Ford Truck	32.33	
International Truck	6.00	
Fire Truck No. 2	16.00	
Elizabeth A. Cilley:		
Liability - Fire Trucks	92.00	
Liability and property damage on road trucks	76.80	
Bonds	140.70	
Workmen's Compensation	257.00	
Liability, Volunteer Fire Ins. Co.	138.00	
Lester F. Hall, Ford Truck	53.35	$1,052.27
Overdraft		$ 18.14

Taxes Bought By Town

*Arthur Ansart	$ 40.48	
Alberton Bagley, Heirs	10.03	
Annie C. George Heirs	14.23	
Oliva LaPlante	16.86	
Ernest Russell	5.04	
Silas Colby Estate	8.98	
Lizzie Leach Estate	6.36	
Elmore C. Rollins	6.36	
Almon S. Dowlin	22.11	
John E. Ward, Jr.	132.32	
Alfred W. Watkins	78.28	
Ernest W. Durgin	11.61	
*H. T. Douglas	34.48	
*Charles J. Vickland, Jr.	140.23	
*Woodsville Logging Co.	15.83	
		$543.20

* redeemed

Interest

Appropriation $440.00

PAID:

Paid on Long Term Notes	$ 260.35	
Paid on Short Term Notes	288.34	$ 548.69
Overdraft		$ 108.69

New Equipment

Sawyer & Howlett, Ford Truck $5,356.75

Indebtedness

Long Term Notes

Appropriation $2,000.00

PAID:

Citizens National Bank	$1,000.00	
Sugar River Savings Bank	1,000.00	$2,000.00

Short Term Notes

Citizens National Bank, borrowed in anticipation of taxes	$28,000.00

Payments To Other Government Divisions

PAID:		
Donald G. Rainie, Treas., county tax	$4,222.42	
State of New Hampshire, Head tax and penalties	1,984.41	
Lillian S. Frey, School treasurer	22,180.16	$28,386.99

Vital Statistics

Appropriation $50.00

PAID:		
Elizabeth A. Cilley, vital statistics	$ 15.50	$ 15.50
Balance		$ 34.40

Yield Tax From Deposits

PAID:	
Carroll Butman, Tax Collector	$ 575.00

Expense Of Kearsarge Reel Co. Mill Road

PAID:		
Sterling and Elizabeth Carmichael, lot	$100.00	
R. C. Heselton Co., culverts	224.68	
Warner Brothers Construction, Bulldozer and scraper	262.50	
Forrest D. Craigie, road agent, labor on road	206.10	$ 793.28

Miscellaneous

RECEIVED:	
Leon Sargent, Harry Sargent Lot of three acres on Rowe Hill	$ 100.00
PAID:	
Earl A. Heselton, Harry Sargent Lot, of three acres on Rowe Hill	$ 100.00

Town Road Maintenance

Forrest D. Craigie, *Road Agent*

Received from Selectmen	$17,298.18	
Expenditures of Road Agent	17,073.03	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953		$ 225.15

Winter Roads

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$5,000.00	
		$5,000.00
PAID:		
LABOR:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$1,268.78	
Clement Mitchell	573.94	
Harry Hanson	118.12	
L. E. Sargent	163.78	
Clarence Wheeler	48.82	
Leonard Wheeler	42.76	
Kenneth Stoddart	17.78	
Guy Barnes	3.00	
Cyrus Jones	12.00	
F. Millard Craigie	12.00	
Varel Peaslee	25.62	
Fred Jones	8.00	
Harry Hanson, tractor & shovel	678.00	
Clarence Wheeler, truck	31.50	
Leonard Wheeler,	32.00	
Gravel:		
Martha Blake	12.00	
S. O. Blake	7.60	
Richard Smith	10.80	
American Oil Co., gasoline	335.81	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc., salt and chloride	214.41	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	138.30	
Sawyer & Howlett, payment on Ford truck	1,000.00	$4,755.02
Balance		$ 244.98

Summer Roads

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$4,500.00	
State of N. H. - gravel for washout	59.40	
Cost of Mill Road	206.10	
State of N. H. use of grader	112.70	
		$4,878.20
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$1,031.42	
Clement Mitchell	334.96	
L. E. Sargent	670.28	
Harry Hanson	132.72	
Robert Whipple	8.00	
Roy Parson, Sr.	19.30	
Robert Pugliese	8.00	
Orlando Pugliese	8 00	
Harry Hanson, tractor & shovel	1,333.00	
Clarence Wheeler, use of chain saw	30.00	
Leonard Wheeler, drilling	46.22	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	187.20	
American Oil Co., gasoline	382.58	
N. E. Culvert Co., culverts	629.33	
Gravel:		
Sterling Carmichael	43.20	
Edward Sylvester	35.20	
S. O. Blake	74.10	
John Ward	29.80	
William Elliott	26.50	$5,029.81
Overdraft		$ 151.61

Oiling

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$1,500.00	
Lillian Cofrin, oiling driveway	14.65	
Arthur F. Wright, M.D., oiling driveway	14.65	
Emma Johanson, oiling driveway	28.95	
Thomas Nolan, oiling driveway	19.48	
Bill West, Jr., oiling driveway	63.25	
		$1,640.98

PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$142.26	
L. E. Sargent	114.88	
Robert Pugliese	25.98	
Michael Pugliese	8.00	
Leroy Emerson	18.50	
Kenneth Stoddart	8.00	
Harry Hanson	5.00	
Gravel:		
Martha Blake	24.00	
S. O .Blake	20.00	
State of N. H., cold patch	100.00	
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., oil	871.40	
Koppers Co., Inc., tar	228.14	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	36.40	
Leonard Wheeler, truck	28.00	
Clarence Wheeler, truck	28.00	
Ralph Seavey, shovel	229.50	
Harry Hanson, shovel	198.00	$2,086.06
Overdraft		$ 445.08

(Due from oiling driveways $41.28)

Bridges

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$1,000.00	
		$1,000 .00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$50.56	
L. E. Sargent	38.24	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	4.20	
L. Earl Nichols, plank	78.27	
W. A. Heselton & Son, plank	82.20	
John Ward, bridge stringers	84.56	$ 338.03
Balance		$ 661.97

Dump

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$ 500.00	
		$ 500.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$ 22.72	
Clement Mitchell	19 52	
L. E. Sargent	32.00	
Cyrus Jones	32.00	
Robert Whipple	16.00	
Almon Dowling	372.50	
L. H. Roberts, bulldozer	55.00	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	10.00	$ 559.74
Overdraft		$ 57.74

Massasecum Road

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation	$ 750.00	
		$ 750.00
PAID:		
Labor:		
Forrest D. Craigie	$ 103.80	
L. E. Sargent	87.32	
Cyrus Jones	21.00	
Fred Hall	13.00	
Clarence Wheeler	8.00	
Clement Mitchell	78.64	
Clarence Wheeler, use of chain saw	57.00	
Harry Hanson, tractor and shovel	168.00	
Leonard Wheeler, drilling	32.00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	251.22	
L. H. Roberts, bulldozer	270.50	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	24.40	$1,114.88
Overdraft		$ 364.88

General Expenses Of Highway Department

Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation:	$3,500.00	
American Oil Co., refund on oil barrel	4.00	
Hans Thieman, blasting ditch	25.00	
		$3,529.00

PAID:		
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	$59.97	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	23.12	
Penn-Hampshire Oil Co., oil	4.75	
Vernon Hall, sawing wood	8.00	
Page Belting Co., steel tubing	10.20	
D. C. Nutter, chain saw	150.00	
C. H. Harrington, repairs	7.00	
American Oil Co., oil	29.40	
Manning & Valley, repairs and parts on chain saw	4.21	
Jim's Auto Service, repairs, parts, tires	755.21	
J. E. Faltin Motor Trans., express	1.80	
N. H. Explosives & Machinery Co., parts, dynamite, and repairs	101.60	
Scott Machinery Co., parts and repairs on grader	624.61	
Bradford Garage, repairs and parts	263.36	
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., parts	11.90	
R. C. Hazelton, Inc., plow rental	300.00	
R. C. Hazelton ,Inc., parts and repairs	149.20	
D. G. Cressy Co., supplies	6.72	
Citizens National Bank, service charges	18.50	
Cressy & Williams. repairs and supplies	11.15	
Rice's, Inc., tires and tubes for grader	394.06	
Ray Road Equipment, road signs	28.56	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc., supplies	122.16	
C. A. Danforth & Co., fuel and supplies	104.01	$3,189.49
Balance		$ 339.51

(There is a credit due from R. C. Hazelton, Inc., for the old plow amounting to $75.00)

Auditors' Report

We, the Auditors of the Town of Bradford, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of the Trust Funds, and Library Trustees for the year ending December 31, 1953, compared their figures and vouchers and find the same to be correct.

Leon F. Perkins
Beachley Wolfe
Town Auditors

Report of Trust Funds

of the

TOWN OF BRADFORD

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 14, 1954

John J. Reardon
Vivian Messer
Leonora Sanborn

Trustees of Trust Funds

Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Bradford on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested As Required by Chapter 51 Section 23, Revised Laws	Amount of Principal beginning of year	End of Year	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Nov. 13, 1941	Alexander, Charles H.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 41.01	2½%	$ 13.75	$ 10.00	$ 44.76
Sept. 22, 1944	Bailey, Ethel M.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	1.91	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.95
April 11, 1944	Blood, Hollis L.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	1.80	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.84
Jan. 20, 1941	Bradford, Carolyn G.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	2.94	2½%	2.57	2.50	3.01
Nov. 2, 1920	Brockway, Freeman	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	25.73	2½%	3.34	5.00	24.07
June 1, 1943	Carlton, Kate E. C.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	500.00	500.00	7.66	2½%	12.54	6.00	14.20
Aug. 10, 1920	Choate, Emma L.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	2.43	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.50
April 11, 1944	Clark, Ella P.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	1.43	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.47
June 25, 1918	Collins, Lemuel	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	3.30	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.40
Feb. 3, 1936	Cressy, Ada	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	2.43	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.50
May 27, 1943	Cummings, Roswell & Lloyd	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	100.00	2.42	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.49
		Sugar River Savings Bank	50.00			3%			
Aug. 28, 1929	Day, Ward L.	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	100.00	150.00	9.91	2½%	4.44	3.00	11.35
Jan. 25, 1943	Huntoon, Marietta Library Trust	U.S.Bond V 840 205G	3,000.00	3,000.00	426.89	2½%	76.04	394.50	108.43
March 6, 1907	Bartlett, Charles & Carlos	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	1.71	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.75
Feb. 15, 1917	Blaisdell, James H.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	1.06	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.10
April 23, 1937	Bradbury & Reed	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	1.21	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.25
Jan. 28, 1930	Butman, Joshua & Eben	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	1.71	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.75
April 25, 1918	Carr, Mary E.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	2.30	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.37
May 4, 1926	Cofrin, George W.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	9.21	2½%	2.80	5.00	7.01
June 13, 1933	Ewins, John H.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	1.98	2½%	2.56	2.50	2.04
Oct. 11, 1906	Harvey, Clara	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	6.60	2½%	2.70	3.25	6.05
Oct. 13, 1930	Howe, Frank H.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	2.06	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.13
Feb. 20, 1926	Huntoon, Martin H.	U.S.Bond M6 050 126G	100.00	100.00	2.61	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.68
Feb. 15, 1929	Carr, Frank T.	U.S.Bond M6 050 125G	300.00	300.00	5.64	2½%	7.54	3.00	10.18

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Feb. 15, 1929	Collins & Marshall	U.S.Bond M6 050 125G	500.00	500.00	19.76	2½%	13.14	12.50	20.40
April 15, 1929	French, Daniel & John E.	U.S.Bond M6 050 125G	200.00	200.00	5.04	2½%	5.17	5.00	5.21
March 8, 1949	Bradford Cemetery Trust	New Hampshire Savings Bank	1,775.74	1,942.74		3½%			
		U.S.Bond M5 050 124G	500.00	500.00	139.97	2½%	70.02	——	209.99
Feb. 1, 1912	Hoyt, Sarah Raymond Memorial Fund	U.S.Bond M5 050 124G	500.00	500.00	216.76	2½%	19.18	——	235.94
Nov. 4, 1943	Eaton, J. Willis	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	2.40	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.47
Feb. 3, 1936	Emory, John	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	3.30	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.40
Aug. 7, 1935	Ewins, Hattie G.	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	3.30	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.40
May 1, 1939	Fisher, Fred W.	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	200.00	200.00	5.24	2½%	5.17	5.00	5.41
Sept. 14, 1943	Gardner, Mary F.	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	3.25	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.35
Feb. 10, 1920	Hart, William S.	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	2.10	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.17
Oct. 7, 1944	Hoyt, Elbridge G.	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	100.00	100.00	1.95	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.99
Jan. 25, 1943	Huntoon, Marietta	U.S.Bond M5 901 627G	200.00	200.00	6.90	2½%	5.20	5.00	7.10
June 1, 1939	Kittredge, Everett	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	3.30	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.40
Aug. 13, 1937	Marshall, Charles H.	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	2.68	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.75
Dec. 29, 1932	McDowell, Mary A.	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	1.24	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.28
April 29, 1941	Messer, Hannah	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	1.02	2½%	2.50	2.00	1.52
Jan. 31, 1924	Morse, Elvira	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	6.91	2½%	2.71	3.00	6.62
Aug. 5, 1944	Morse, Flora	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	200.00	200.00	8.44	2½%	5.26	5.00	8.70
June 5, 1939	Peaslee, Caroline	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	3.30	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.40
Sept. 1, 1920	Peaslee, Daniel	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	1.24	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.28
Oct. 19, 1938	Peaslee, George W.	U.S.Bond M5 901 626G	100.00	100.00	3.80	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.90
Nov. 6, 1943	Peaslee, Lizzie	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	200.00	200.00	8.64	2½%	5.26	5.00	8.90
June 12, 1939	Rand and Cheney	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	2.43	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.50
Oct. 7, 1944	Sanborn, Joseph	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	2.54	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.61

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July 9, 1942	Smith and Forsaith	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	4.14	2½%	2.63	2.50	4.27
Aug. 13, 1937	Smyth, Joseph	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	2.68	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.75
Dec. 11, 1943	Terry, Joseph N.	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	200.00	200.00	29.48	2½%	5.78	2.50	32.76
Sept. 2, 1936	Whitcomb, Parker S.	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	3.87	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.97
Oct. 18, 1943	Trow, Etta F.	U.S.Bond M5 901 625G	100.00	100.00	3.54	2½%	2.60	2.50	3.64
April 15, 1922	Miller, William H.	U.S.Bond D2 838 071G	200.00	200.00	14.70	2½%	5.46	5.00	15.16
April 17, 1929	Moon, Emily	U.S.Bond D2 838 071G	100.00	100.00	2.61	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.68
Sept. 19, 1932	Morse, Charles H.	U.S.Bond D2 838 071G	50.00	50.00	1.54	2½%	1.29	1.25	1.58
Feb. 13, 1915	Morse, Lottie	U.S.Bond D2 838 071G	150.00	150.00	11.44	2½%	4.11	4.00	11.55
March 14, 1932	Hoyt, George A.	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	50.00	50.00	1.29	2½%	1.29	1.00	1.58
Nov. 23, 1926	Peaslee, Maria	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	50.00	50.00	1.78	2½%	1.29	1.00	2.07
June 22, 1942	Marshall, Joshua P.	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	100.00	100.00	1.42	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.46
April 20, 1932	Rand and Woods, George and Ziba	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	100.00	100.00	1.06	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.10
May 1, 1926	Rowe, Eliza	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	100.00	100.00	1.46	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.50
Aug. 9, 1915	Walton, Betsey B.	U.S.Bond D2 838 070G	100.00	100.00	9.62	2½%	2.80	2.50	9.92
Oct. 22, 1921	Hall, Almira	U.S.Bond D2 838 072G	200.00	200.00	56.03	2½%	6.82	5.00	57.85
Oct. 14, 1910	Ingalls, Abbie	U.S.Bond D2 838 072G	100.00	100.00	14.75	2½%	2.96	3.00	14.71
April 27, 1918	Martin, Mary T.	U.S.Bond D2 838 072G	100.00	100.00	1.46	2½%	2.54	2.50	1.50
Jan. 5, 1905	Martin, Sarah J.	U.S.Bond D2 838 072G	100.00	100.00	9.04	2½%	2.80	2.50	9.34
Nov. 12, 1947	Clogston, Fred N.	U.S.Bond C4 777 132G	100.00	100.00	1.57	2½%	2.53	2.50	1.60
Dec. 5, 1946	Melvin, Edson R.	U.S.Bond C4 777 130G	50.00	50.00	1.87	2½%	1.28	1.25	1.90
May 25, 1942	Ring, Obediah	Sugar River Savings Bank	25.00	25.00		3%			
		U.S.Bond C4 777 130G	50.00	50.00	3.80	2½%	2.18	2.00	3.98
Aug. 27, 1919	Ward, Edwin D.	U.S.Bond C4 777 131G	100.00	100.00	2.07	2½%	2.57	2.50	2.14

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bradford on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested As Required by Chapter 51 Section 23, Revised Laws	Amount of Principal beginning of year	End of Year	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
June 17, 1947	Colby, Fred A. and Minnie G.	U.S.Bond C4 605 990G	100.00						
		U.S.Bond C4 605 991G	100.00	200.00	2.71	2½%	5.06	5.00	2.77
Jan. 9, 1909	Farrington, Ann Maria	U.S.Bond C4 990 153G	50.00	50.00		2½%			
		Sugar River Savings Bank	45.00	45.00	6.43	3%	2.93	2.00	7.36
April 5, 1929	Hadley, Sophronia A.	Sugar River Savings Bank	25.00	25.00		3%			
		U.S.Bond C4 990 153G	50.00	50.00	2.70	2½%	2.15	2.00	2.85
Jan. 5, 1945	Bly, Willis N.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	150.00	4.81	3%	4.74	4.00	5.55
Sept. 24, 1953	Cheney, Addie A. (new)	Merrimack County Savings Bank	------	100.00	-----		-----	-----	-----
July 8, 1947	Forsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	1.22	3%	3.09	2.50	1.81
Nov. 16, 1929	Gillingham, Elinda M.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	1.83	3%	3.12	2.50	2.45
Jan. 11, 1927	Gillingham, Freeman H.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	.10	3%	3.09	3.00	.19
Aug. 30, 1934	Johnson, Alvin	Merrimack County Savings Bank	75.00	75.00	1.71	3%	2.34	1.75	2.30
April 22, 1930	Jordan, Lucy A.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	2.43	3%	3.12	2.50	3.05
Jan. 5, 1922	Martin, Sarah Paige	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	3.57	3%	6.24	5.00	4.81
Sept. 6, 1930	Melvin, Helen S.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	2.06	3%	3.12	2.25	2.93
Aug. 23, 1934	Newman, Charles M.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	50.00	50.00	1.28	3½%	1.56	1.25	1.59
Feb. 5, 1931	Noyes, William	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	1.60	3%	3.12	2.50	2.22
Sept. 20, 1926	Pierce, Harriet	Merrimack County Savings Bank	75.00	75.00	1.66	3%	2.34	2.00	2.00
Nov. 5, 1930	Studley, Dr. Harvey	Merrimack County Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	2.94	3%	3.15	2.50	3.59
Nov. 19, 1948	Trow, Willie S.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	4.27	3%	6.27	10.40	.14
May 25, 1951	Wood, Kate J. B.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	150.00	150.00	1.13	3%	4.56	1.50	4.19
Nov. 7, 1928	Woods, George A.	Merrimack County Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	2.53	3%	6.21	5.00	3.74
June 1, 1949	Bradford Pond Church Trust	Principal held by Mechanicks National Bank	500.00	500.00	186.71		48.11	10.00	224.82
Jan. 13, 1941	Redington, Ida M.	Principal held by Mechanicks National Bank 11 shares of	285.00	285.00	104.70		29.01	7.25	126.46
Nov. 5, 1942	Bradford Pond Meeting-house Trust	Merrimack Farmers' Exchange 4 shares of	275.00	275.00	53.92	5%	15.51	15.00	54.43

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Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	How Funds are Invested As Required by Chapter 51 Section 23, Revised Laws	Amount of Principal beginning of year	End of Year	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Oct. 27, 1937	Ward, Ralph and Colby, Lloyd	Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	100.00	100.00	17.34	5%	5.56	5.00	17.90
Nov. 29, 1929	French, John E. French's Park Trust	Sugar River Savings Bank	1,000.00	1,000.00	49.40	3%	34.38	20.60	63.18
Nov. 20, 1907	Hall, Mary C. Library Trust	Sugar River Savings Bank	353.36	314.93	——	3%	11.57	11.57	——
Jan. 31, 1944	Johnson, Effie S. Library Trust	Sugar River Savings Bank	50.00	50.00	12.00	3%	2.02	——	14.02
Dec. 21, 1951	Trow, Carrie Colby and W.S. S.P.T.	Sugar River Savings Bank	8,000.00	8,000.00	495.32	3%	272.63	430.66	514.58
May 16, 1947	Trow, Emma I.	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	1.77	3%	3.32	2.00	3.09
Dec. 16, 1952	Gray, Emily L.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00	200.00	——	3%	3.00	3.00	——
Dec. 16, 1952	Rolfe, Marjorie H.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	——	3%	1.50	1.50	——
Dec. 16, 1952	Staniels, H. E.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00	100.00	——	3%	1.50	1.50	——
		TOTALS	$27,884.10	$28,112.67	$2,168.82		$894.37	$1,171.48	$1,891.71

S.P.T. - Sunny Plain Trust

All funds are cemetery trust funds unless otherwise specified.

Interest of all funds invested in U.S. Bonds is held in original savings bank accounts.

Brown Memorial Library

Treasurer's Report
1953

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	$172.64	
Received from Town	900.00	
Received from Mary C. Hall Fund	100.00	
Received from Library Fines	49.56	
		$1,222.20

PAYMENTS

Salaries	$376.00	
Books	176.13	
Magazines	24.10	
Lights	31.28	
Fuel	189.39	
Insurance	147.40	
Supplies	17.28	
Repairs	5.75	
Bank Service Charges	5.55	
		$ 972.88
Total Receipts	$1,222.20	
Total Payments	972.88	
Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$ 249.32

KATHERINE D. SMITH
Treasurer

The Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library are pleased to announce that 1953 was an active year at the Library. Mrs. Effie Craigie, Librarian, reports a circulation of 5, 044 books and 644 magazines.

During the year the Library was enriched by gifts of new and used books by interested friends. Due to the rising cost of publications, these contributions were more than welcome. An earnest effort is being made to enlarge the classic and reference sections of the Library. Donations from townspeople and summer residents will be more than welcome

The State Library selected Bradford as a meeting place for District Librarians in November. Twenty-five library workers and trustees participated in a round-table discussion, followed by reviews of new books with appropriate displays. At this time the Trustees and the Librarian extend to all residents a cordial invitation to visit and use the excellent facilities of the Library. Our wish is to serve you and your reading interests. Mrs. Craigie will gladly order any requested book not on our shelves, from the State Library. The Trustees will welcome your suggestions for improvements of Library service. Bradford is considered to have one of the finest town libraries in the State, and it is our sincere wish to maintain that standing.

Katherine D. Smith
Maxine B. Hammond
Louise C. Wolfe
Trustees

1953 Book Donors

Dr. and Mrs. William Boyd
Miss Mabel Gardner
Mrs. Grace Oldfield
Mrs. Grace Trow
Miss Mabel Steele
Mr. Arthur Goodfriend
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Evans

School Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bradford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifth day of March 1954, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to set upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

7. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statuatory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

8. To see if the district will vote to rescind the motions passed at the Annual Meeting of March 10, 1950, namely: the School Board to present to the selectmen and they to print in the annual report, a detailed statement of receipts and payments of all moneys of the School District, similar to reports previous to July 1, 1948.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bradford this 12th day of February 1954

Carroll Butman
Robert A. Moore *School Board*
Florence V. Nutter

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Carroll Butman
Robert A. Moore *School Board*
Florence V. Nutter

1954 - 1955 School Budget

School District of Bradford

	1 Expenditures 1952-53	2 Estimated Expenditures 1953-54	3 Adopted Budget 1954-55
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers	$ 352.50	352.50	352.50
Supt.'s salary (local share)	402.19	491.15	501.99
Tax for state wide supervision	460.00	238.00	222.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	199.57	236.70	207.76
Supplies and expenses	142.10	100.00	100.00
Instruction:			
Elementary teachers' and principal's salaries	8,431.50	8,800.00	9,000.00
Books and other instruction aids	392.90	175.00	175.00
Scholars' supplies,elementary	550.46	300.00	300.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	135.92	75.00	75.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fuel or heat	758.63	800.00	825.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	328.96	250.00	250.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and replacements	636.38	500.00	500.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision, elementary	300.00	400.00	400.00
Transportation, high	1,487.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Transportation, elementary	2,989.50	3,100.00	3,300.00
Tuition, high	4,642.78	6,075.00	6,250.00
Special activities and special funds,elem.	32.49	50.00	50.00
School lunch, elementary	304.26	450.00	450.00
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement, elementary	550.68	513.04	600.00
Insurance, treas.bonds & expenses, elem.	201.70	217.00	217.00
Contingency Fund:		300.00	300.00
Capital Outlay:			
New equipment, elementary	141.10	100.00	100.00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Interest on debt	60.00	30.00	
Total 1952-53 Expenditures	$25,001.50		
Estimated Total 1953-54 Expenditures		26,553.39	
Adopted Budget 1954-55			26,226.25

RECEIPTS	1 Actual Receipts 1952-53	2 Adopted Budget 1953-54	3 Sch.Board's Budget 1954-55
*Balance (actual or estimated)	$ 1,007.88		
Federal Aid	304.26	450.00	450.00
Elementary school tuition	80.52		
Other	1.00		
Total Appropriation voted by School Dist.		$26,103.39	$25,776.25

Annual School Reports

Report of School Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1952	$ 1,211.60	
Current Appropriation	24,572.00	
Received from State Treasurer:		
Federal Fynds - School Lunch Program	304.26	
Arthur Goodfriend:		
Tuition - Jill Hefferman	80.52	
Cressy & Williams - refund on pump	1.00	
Total	$26,169.38	
EXPENDITURES:		
Less School Board Orders Paid	$25,001.50	
		$ 1,167.88

Lillian S. Frey
District Treasurer

Examined and found correct
July 20, 1953

Daniel V. Cunningham
Auditor

Statement of School Board

Expenditures

Salaries of District Officers	352.50	
Superintendent's Salary (*town's share*)	402.19	
Tax for State Wide Supervision	460.00	
Salaries of Administrative Personnel	199.57	
Supplies and Expenses	142.48	
Teachers' Salaries	8,431.50	
Book and Instruction Aids	392.90	
Scholars' Supplies	550.46	
Supplies and Other Expenses	135.92	
Janitor Salaries	500.00	
Fuel and Heat	758.63	
Water, Lights, and Supplies	328.96	
Repairs and Replacements	636.38	
Health Supervision	300.00	
Transportation	4,477.00	
Tuition	4,642.78	
Special Activities	32.49	
School Lunch	304.26	
Teachers' Retirement	559.68	
Insurance	201.70	
New Equipment	141.10	
Principal of Debt	1,000.00	
Interest on Debt	30.00	
		$25,001.50

Detail Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:		
Carroll Butman	100.00	
Robert Moore	100.00	
Florence V. Nutter	100.00	
Lillian S. Frey	50.00	
Paul N. Gove	2.50	
		352.50

Superintendent's Salary:		
William C. Sterling		402.19
Tax for State-wide Supervision: (For 1951-52 1952-53)		460.00
Salaries of Administrative Personnel:		
Superintendent's Secretary	176.57	
Grace Trow	10.00	
Carl F. Cressy	10.00	
N. H. School Board Association	3.00	
		$199.57
Supplies and Expenses:		
Merrimack County Telephone	44.60	
William C. Sterling	41.76	
Supervisory Union No. 26	15.61	
Lillian S. Frey, expenses	17.98	
Carroll Butman, expenses	4.50	
Bank Service Charges	3.20	
Brown & Saltmarsh	1.20	
Citizens National Bank	3.63	
Kearsarge Insurance Agency	2.00	
N. E. School Development Council	8.00	
		$ 142.48
Teachers' Salaries:		
Vernice Dwinnells	$ 2,850.00	
David Sayward	2,700.00	
Ethelyn Rollins	2,400.00	
Blanche Bailey	437.50	
Francis French	10.00	
Alice Harris	15.00	
Dana Sanborn	10.00	
Director of Internal Revenue	6.60	
N. H. - Vt. Blue Cross	2.40	
		$ 8,431.50

Books:		
American Book Co.	14.09	
Beckley Cardy Co.	9.14	
Bobbs Morrill Co.	4.79	
Ginn & Co.	38.29	
D. C. Heath & Co.	3.12	
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	57.53	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	32.14	
Lyons & Carnahan	7.00	
The Macmillan Co.	5.17	
L. W. Singer Co.	4.59	
Scott Forsman Co.	105.32	
Follett Publishing Co.	20.87	
Bush Music Co.	3.15	
Silver Burdette Co.	5.70	
Study Film Center	82.00	
		$ 392.90

Scholars' Supplies:	
Gledhill Bros.	24.44
J. L. Hammett Co.	59.78
Science Research	13.25
Webster Publishing Co.	20.53
News Map of Week	15.00
Milton Bradley Co.	12.60
Grolier Society	10.65
Houghton Mifflin Co.	54.67
Follett Publishing Co.	16.69
Phillips Paper Co.	9.19
Mainco Trading Co.	39.77
Scholastic Magazine	27.00
Beaudette & Co.	13.04
Warner Dowling Co.	94.34
American Press	23.00
Scott Forsman Co.	51.86
D. G. Cressy Co.	11.82
Fitch Murray Co.	7.72
Study Film Center	3.20
World Book Co.	4.95
Cascade Paper Co.	9.37

California Test Bureau	3.48	
H. S. Wolkins Co.	24.11	
		$ 550.46
Supplies and Other Expenses:		
E. E. Compton Co.	111.84	
Village Store	1.53	
Thompson & Hoague	10.65	
D. G. Cressy Co.	1.09	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.65	
Merrimack County Telephone	5.16	
		$ 135.92
Janitor Service:		
T. R. Nolan	212.50	
Clara Nolan	100.00	
Arthur Russell	187.50	
		$ 500.00
Fuel and Heat:		
C. A. Danforth & Co.	732.93	
Moore & Emerson	25.70	
		$ 758.63
Water, Lights, and Supplies:		
Thompson & Hoague	27.28	
D. G. Cressy Co.	6.73	
Beckly Cardy Co.	4.59	
J. L. Hammett Co.	7.81	
Boutwell's Store	.99	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc	5.34	
Cascade Paper Co.	19.78	
West Disinfectant Co.	11.60	
A. B. Gardner	60.65	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	184.19	
		$ 328.96
Repairs and Replacements:		
Cressy & Williams	25.10	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.	25.50	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.59	
Charles Sanborn	478.65	

A. B. Gardner	42.10	
A. E. Rowe	12.25	
James Volkmar	23.69	
Howard Milner	27.50	
		$ 636.38
Health Supervision:		
Ruth B. Whitcomb	300.00	
Transportation:		
Frank A. Wise - High School	4,187.50	
Frank A. Wise - Elementary	1,960.50	
Elizabeth W. Bischoff	495.00	
Frances Ward	534.00	
		$ 4,477.00
Tuition:		
Simonds Free High School		$ 4,642.78
Special Activities and Special Funds:		
Cardigan Sport Store	32.49	
Hot Lunch Program	304.26	
		$ 336.75
Teachers' Retirement:		
State of New Hampshire		$ 550.68
Insurance:		
Roy A. Messer		$ 201.70
New Equipment:		
W. C. Sterling - Chairs	38.10	
Beaudette & Co. - Mimeograph	103.00	
		$ 141.10

Principal of Debt:	
Sugar River Savings Bank	$ 1,000.00
Interest on Debt:	$ 60.00
	$25,001.50

Carroll Butman
Robert A. Moore
Florence V. Nutter

Examined and found correct
February 1, 1954 Daniel V. Cunningham, *Auidtor*

Report of School Health

1952 - 1953

The School Health Department gives the following report:

Number of pupils examined: 80

	Defects	Corrections
Teeth	27	5
Tonsils	3	6
Glands	2	
Heart	2	2
Vision	4	5
Scalp	1	1

Special Work

Audiometer (hearing)	26
Individual Inspections	1,110
First Aid Treatments	22
Special Cases	4

Clinics:

Immunizations (Toxoid)	16
Flourine and Cleaning (Teeth)	56

Communicable Diseases

Measles	9	Impetigo	2
Pediculosis	4	Scarlet Fever	9

Ringworm 1

The school health department would like to thank all who have made the hot lunch program possible.

Dr. Arthur F. Wright *School physician*
Ruth B. Whitcomb, R. N. *School Nurse*

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To tye Members of the School Board of Bradford District.

During the year 1952-1953 the following teachers were employed:

TEACHER	GRADES	TRAINING	YR. GRAD
Mr. David A. Sayward,	6-7-8	U. N. H.	1950
Miss Ethelyn Rollins,	3-4-5	U. N. H.	1952
Mrs. Vernice H. Dwinnells, *Prin.*	1-2	K. N. S.	1927
Miss Blanche C. Bailey, *Music*		K. T. C.	1932

GENERAL STATISTICS

	GRADES			TOTALS	
	6-7-8	3-4-5	1-2	1952-53	1951-52
		0			
Half days in session	356	356	356	356	354
Half days not in session	4	4	4	4	10
Number pupils registered	31	28	28	87	92
Average membership	29.34	25.71	27.16	81.95	87.4
Percent attendance	91.31	91.03	90.30	90.89	90.3
Number tardiness	8	15	11	34	24
Average tardiness per pupil	.26	.54	.39	.41	.26
Number visits Superintendent	7	17	22	46	58
Number visits School Board	3	4	3	10	6
Number visits Citizens	15	18	53	86	93

24 pupils attended school at Simonds Free High School, Warner, N. H.

GRADUATES
June 1953

Eugene Cummings
Sandra Crossett
William Hall
Arthur Russell
Stanley Wheeler
Beverly Whitehouse
Walter Ingalls

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
for one year

George Rowell
Robert Moore

Superintendent's Salary
1952-1953

Bradford School District	$ 323.70	
Henniker School District	685.68	
Hopkinton School District	889.77	
Newbury School District	285.50	
Sutton School District	280.95	
Warner School District	647.05	
Webster School District	187.35	
		$ 3,300.00
State Share		2,275.00
Total		$ 5,575.00

We had two changes in our faculty at the beginning of the year. Mr. Clarence Wadleigh, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, has replaced Mr. David Sayward in the upper grades room. Mr. Wadleigh is a beginning teacher and has made very good progress to date. Miss Juanita Parsons replaced Miss Ethelyn Rollins in the middle grades room. Miss Parsons is an experienced and capable teacher and we are most fortunate to have her. All in all I would say we have as strong a staff as last year which I consider very good.

The elementary enrollment figures in Bradford are running about the same. The census figures indicate a decrease in enrollment which is contrary to the national trend and to what is happening to the towns in the Union which border on Concord. The present third grade is an exceptionally large group, numbering seventeen. Whichever grade they are in makes a good sized group of children and, if they continue on in Bradford, it is going to mean a sharp increase in the cost of tuition.

Even in the next few years tuition costs are going up. In June, two youngsters will graduate from high school and five from grade school. The next year, three will graduate from high school and thirteen from grade school, a big jump. The average cost of high school education goes up every year in the state and receiving high schools have raised their tuition figures so as to meet the increasing costs.

The teacher supply is not improving a bit and last spring was the worst one I've had in getting teachers. Rising enrollment

figures in the state and nation means additional teachers needed. Hopkinton, for example, has four more teachers than four years ago and it looks as though in the next five years, they will have to add several more.

Bradford has been operating a good school, but no matter how good a school we have, I feel that it is my job to see if we cannot improve over the previous year. It is a challenge for all of us; we must either go ahead or backwards. Bradford is still going ahead, and the Bradford people are good people with whom to work.

William C. Sterling
Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 26

Tentative

School Calendar

1954 - 1955

BRADFORD HENNIKER HOPKINTON
NEWBURY SUTTON WARNER WEBSTER

Schools open Wednesday, September 8, 1954
Teachers' Convention - Thursday and Friday, Oct. 14 & 15, 1954
Thangsgiving Vacation - Schools close Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 12:15
Schools reopen Monday, November 29, 1954
Christman Vacation - Schools close Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1954
Schools reopen Monday, January 3, 1955
Winter vacation - Schools close Friday, February 18, 1955
Schools reopen Monday, February 28, 1955
Spring vacation - Schools close Friday, April 22, 1955
Schools reopen Monday, May 2, 1955
Schools close Friday, June 7, 1955

This Vacation Calendar includes in Vacation Periods:

Labor Day, September 6, 1954
Thanksgiving, November 25, 1954
Christmas, December 25, 1954
January 1, 1955
Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1955
Fast Day, April 25, 1955

It does not include:

Armistice Day, November 11, 1954
Columbus Day, October 12, 1954
Memorial Day, May 30, 1955

Schools will be in session on these days
and appropriate exercises will be held.

Bradford Baptist Church

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Bradford, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sxe	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 10 New London, N. H.	William Joseph Nadon II	M	L	2	William J. Nadon	Jean F. Adams	garage man	Bristol, N. H.	Concord, N. H.
Jan. 29 New London, N. H.	Christine Ann Fortune	F	L	1	John A. Fortune	Marion E. Calkins	farmer	Bradford, N. H.	Concord, N. H.
Feb. 7 New London, N. H.	Paul Jeffrey Saxby	M	L	3	Stanley D. Saxby	Muguette A. Kerkhove	salesmanager	London, England	France
Feb. 7 New London, N. H.	Daniel Edmund Saxby	M	L	4	Stanley D. Saxby	Muguette A. Kerkhove	salesmanager	London, England	France
Mar. 31 Concord, N. H.	Betty May Wilder	F	L	1	Donald E. Wilder	Pauline A. Whitehouse	laborer	New London, N.H.	Concord, N. H.
April 22 Concord, N. H.	Susan Linda Gove	F	L	1	Charles H. Gove, Jr.	Alice L. Hegdahl	bulldozer operator	Mass.	Minn.
May 25 Bradford, N. H.	Wayne Allen Greenough	M	L	3	James H. Greenough	Carrie M. Farr	lumbering	Mass.	R. I.
Sept. 10 Newton, Mass.	Kenneth Chad Brown	M	L		Stanley M. Brown	Thalia M. Ryder	lawyer	Derry, N. H	Pittsfield, N. H.
Oct. 8 New London, N. H.	Rebecca Jean Heath	F	L	2	Reginald O. Heath	Jean Edna Howard	painter	Concord, N. H.	Newport, N. H.

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MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Bradford, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married
March 8 Warner, N. H.	James H. Greenough	Townsend, Mass.	42	W	woodsman	Mass.	Elcony G. Greenough Elvira Green	Nova Scotia Mass.	Benjamin F. Sawyer Warner, N. H.
	Carrie May Farr	Bradford, N. H.	32	W	housework	R I.	Frank J. Farr May S. Underwood	Vermont Vermont	Justice of Peace
June 14 Charlestown, N. H.	James G. Rutherford	Charlestown, N. H.	23	W	machinist	Conn.	James Rutherford Doris E. Bullard	Ireland Conn.	Leon E. Dayringer Charlestown, N. H.
	Cynthia A. Whitehouse	Bradford, N. H.	15	W	none	N. H.	Melvin Whitehouse Marjorie Parsons	N. H. Vermont	Clergyman-Methodist
July 15 Bellows Falls, Vt.	Edgar S. Manning	Bradford, N. H.	52	W	timber operator	Vt.	George W. Manning Rena Hale	Vermont Vermont	M. Imogene Parker Bellows Falls, Vt
	Adele R. Landgraff	Bradford, N. H.	65	W	housewife	N. Y.	Alphonso Roussel Julia Wyld	Italy N. Y.	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 27 Newport, N. H.	Arthur L. Colby	Springfield, N. H.	20	W	U. S. Army	N. H.	Richard D. Colby Fannie M. Rogers	N. H. Mass.	Maurice H. Porter Newport, N. H.
	Mildred E. Reed	Bradford, N. H.	18	W	At home	Mass.	Ernest M. Reed Louise H. Brown	Mass. Mass.	Methodist Clergyman
October 31 Henniker, N. H.	William Miller, Jr.	Henniker, N. H.	25	W	aqccountant	N. Y.	William Miller Maggie C. Rirchie	Scotland Scotland	Robert H. Lewis Henniker, N. H.
	Ethel M. Brown	Bradford, N. H.	22	W	therapist aid	N. .H.	George E. Brown Beatrice M. Rhodenheizer	Mass. Canada	Clergyman
December 19 Sutton, N. H.	Michael C. Pugliese	Bradford, N. H.	17	W	mechanic	Mass.	Orlando D. Pugliese Helen B. Foshey	Italy Mass.	Arlington E Wry New London, N. H.
	Fay E. Chadwick	Sutton, N. H.	16	W	at home	N. H.	Harvey C. Chadwick Evangeline A. Levasseur	N. H. N. H.	ordained clergyman

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DEATHS Registered in the Town of Bradford, N. H., for the ending December 31, 1953

Date		Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Condition	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	9	Webster, N. H.	Caroline F. Peaslee	82	N. H.	F	widowed	housewife	Ezekiel Hadley	Sophronia Hoyt
Jan.	31	Bradford, N. H.	Blanche B. Wecksler	64	N. Y.	F	married	housewife	Samuel Bachenheimer	Janet Drucker
Mar.	18	Bradford, N. H.	Jane Jeffs	84	England	F	widowed	housewife	James Parkin	Hannah Horner
May	9	Concord, N. H.	George W. Hubbard	74	N. H.	M	widowed	harness maker	George J. Hubbard	Mathilda Harriman
May	18	Bradford, N. H.	Clark D. Stevens	87	Wisconsin	M	married	policeman	Edward Stevens	Mary R. Lowell
June	7	Warner, N. H.	Louie J. Keyser	73	N. H.	M	single	laborer	James Keyser	Lydia Colby
June	12	Concord, N. H.	Albert Jordan	76	N. H.	M	widowed	laborer	Unknown	Lucy Jordan
June	17	Concord, N. H.	James H. Johnson	91	N. H.	M	widowed	teacher	Howard Johnson	Levina Chase
July	17	Sidney, N. Y.	Charles F. Gillingham	38	N. H.	M	married	garage	Ralph B. Gillingham	Grace L. Studley
Sept.	26	Hartford, Vt.	Samuel Jr Sutherland	78	Iowa	M	married	soldier	Julius Sutherland	Ester Ramsdell
Oct.	14	Bradford, N. H.	Carrie M. Nutter	71	Maine	F	married	housewife	Charles Dutch	Unknown
Oct.	22	Bradford, N. H.	Clifton J. Bailey	89	Maine	M	widowed	salesman	John W. Bailey	Lizzie Kelley
Nov.	5	Bradford, N. H.	Adelbert W. Rockwell	76	Mass.	M	married	retired supt.	Frederick B. Rockwell	Abbie Louise Allan
Dec.	29	Bradford, N. H.	Harry Hall	84	England	M	married	salesman	Charles Hall	Annie Turner

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